

ORDINANCE OF THE

LORDS and COMMONS

Assembled in PARLIAMENT,

Together with Rules and Directions
concerning Suspension from the Sacrament of

The Lords Supper.

In cases of Ignorance and Scandall.

Also the names of such Ministers and
others that are appointed Triers and Judges
of the ability of Elders in the twelve Classes
within the Province of LONDON.

Die Lune, 20. Octob. 1645.

Ordered by the Lords assembled in Parliament, That the Ordinance, Rules, and Direction concerning Suspension from the Lords Supper, with the names of the Ministers and others to try the Elders, be forthwith printed and published.

J. Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

LONDON,

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Old-baily. 1645.

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Adopted in 1871

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An Ordinance of the LORDS and
COMMONS assembled in Parliament.



He Lords and Commons considering the wonderfull providence of God in calling them to this great and difficult worke of reforming and purging his Church and people, his guidance and manifest protection of them in it doe acknowledge that never any of his servants since the foundation of the world had more high and strong engagements heartily and sincerely to endeavour the compleat establishment of Purity and Unity in the Church of God then they have; They doe therefore

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require all Ministers and Elders, that they be carefull to walke with understanding in the House of God, that by Example, Exhortations, and Admonitions, they endeavour to build up the people of the Lord in love, that with Humility and Meeknesse of spirit they adorne their holy Profession, and win soules to the love of the Truth. That they be diligent and faithfull in the Worke, as those that must give an accompt: And where grosse Ignorance or notorious Scandall shall appeare, for the remedy thereof, and to prevent the evils that may come thereby, The Lords and Commons doe Ordaine, and it is hereby Ordained, that the severall Elderships respectively within their respective Bounds and Limits, have power to suspend from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper all Ignorant and Scandalous persons within the Rules hereafter following, and according to the said Rules and Directions.

Rules

RULES and DIRECTIONS concerning
 suspension from the *Sacrament* of the
Lords Supper, in cases. of Ignorance.

I.



Al such persons who shall be admitted to the Sacrament of the Lords Supper ought to know that there is a God, that there is but one ever-living and true God, maker of Heaven and Earth, and Governour of all things; That this onely true God, is the God whom we worship; that this God is but one, yet three distinct Persons, the Father, Sonne, and holy Ghost, all equally God.

2 That God created man after his own Image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness; That by one man sin entred into the World, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned; That thereby they are all dead in trespasses and sins, and are by nature the children of wrath, and so lyable to eternall death, the wages of every sin.

3 That there is but one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is also over all, God blessed for ever, neither is there salvation in any other; That he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and borne of the Virgin *Mary*; That he died upon the crosse to save his people from their sins, That he rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into Heaven, sits at the right hand

hand of God, and makes continuall intercession for us, of whose fulness we receive all grace necessary to salvation.

4 That Christ and his benefits are applied onely by faith; That faith is the gift of God, and that we have it not of our selves, but it is wrought in us by the Word and Spirit of God.

That faith is that grace whereby we believe and trust in Christ for remission of sins and life everlasting, according to the promise of the Gospel, that whosoever believes not on the Sonne of God, shal not see life, but shal perish eternally.

That they who truly repent of their sins, do see them, sorrow for them, and turne from them, to the Lord, and that except men repent they shal surely perish.

That a godly life is conscionably ordered according to the Word of God, in Holinesse and Righteousnesse, without which no man shal see God.

That the Sacraments are Seales of the Covenant of Grace in the blood of Christ: That the Sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lords Supper; that the outward Elements in the Lords Supper are Bread and Wine, and doe signifie the Body and Blood of Christ Crucified, which the worthy receiver by faith, doth partake of in this Sacrament, which Christ hath likewise ordained for a remembrance of his death, that whosoever eates and drinks unworthily, is guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord, and therefore that every one is to examine himselfe, lest he eate and drink judgement to himselfe, not discerning the Lords Body.

ed. That the soules of the faithfull after death do immediately live with Christ in blessednesse, and that the soules of the wicked doe immediately goe into Hell torments. That there shal be a Resurrection of the Bodies, both of
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the just and unjust at the last Day, at which time all shall appeare before the Judgement Seat of Christ, to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether it be good or evil: And that the righteous shal go into life eternall, and the wicked into everlasting punishment.

And it is further ordained by the Lords & Commons, that those who have a competent measure of understanding concerning the matters contained in these Articles shal not be kept back from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper for Ignorance; And that the Examination and judgement of such persons as shal for their ignorance of the aforesaid points of Religion not be admitted to the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, is to be in the power of the Eldership of every Congregation.

Rules and Directions concerning Suspension from the Sacrament of the Lords *Supper, in cases of Scandall.*

THe severall and respective Elderships shal have power to suspend from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper all scandalous persons hereafter mentioned, appearing to be such upon just prooffe thereof made, in such manner as is by this present Ordinance hereafter appointed, and not otherwise, untill it be otherwise declared by both houses of Parliament how notoriously scandalous Persons, other then such as are herein expressed, shal be kept from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper: That is to say; All persons that shal blasphemously speake or write any thing of God, his holy Word, or Sacraments. An Incestuous Person. An Adulterer. A Fornicator. A Drunkard. A prophane Swearer, or Curser. One that hath taken away the life of any Person maliciously. All worshippers of
Images,

Images, Crosses, Crucifixes, of Reliques; all that shall make any Images of the Trinity, or of any Person thereof. All Religious worshippers of Saints, Angels, or any meere Creature. Any person that shall professe himselfe not to be in charity with his Neighbour. Any Person that shall challenge any other person by Word, Message, or Writing, to fight, or that shall accept such challenge and agree thereto. Any person that shall knowingly, carry any such challenge by word, message, or writing. Any person that shall upon the Lords Day use any Dancing, playing at dice or cards, or any other games; Masking, Wake, Shooting, Bowling, playing at Football, or Stool-ball, Wrestling, or that shall make, or resort unto any Playes, Interludes, Fencing, Bul-baiting, or Beare-baiting, or that shall use Hawking, Hunting or Courting, Fishing, or Fowling, or that shall publikely expose any Wares to sale, otherwise then as is provided by an Ordinance of Parliament of the 6 of *April*. 1644. Any person that shall travell on the Lords Day without reasonable cause. Any person that keepeth a knowne Stewes or Brothel-house, or that shall solícite the chastity of any person for himselfe or any other. Any person, Father or Mother, that shall consent to the marriage of their childe to a Papist, or any person that shall marry a Papist. Any person that shall repaire for any advice unto any Witch, Wizard, or Fortune-teller. Any person that shall assault his Pareuts, or any Magistrate, Minister, or Elder in the execution of his Office. Any person that shall be legally attainted of Barretry, Forgery, Extortion or Bribery. And the severall and respective Eldershíps shall have power likewise to suspend from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper all Ministers that shall be duely proved to be guilty of any of the crimes aforesaid, from giving or receiving the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

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And it is further ordained by the Lords and Commons, That the Eldership of every Congregation shall have power to examine any person complained of for any matter of scandall aforesaid, and upon confession of the party before the Eldership to have committed such an offence, to suspend any such person from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. The Eldership of every Congregation shall examine upon oath such witnesses as shall be produced before them, either for the acquitting or condemning of the party accused of any of the scandalous crimes aforesaid, not capitall. The Eldership of every Congregation shall judge the matter of scandall aforesaid, being not capitall, upon the testimony of two credible witnesses, at the least. Satisfaction shall be given to the Eldership of every Congregation by sufficient manifestation of the Offenders repentance before a person lawfully convicted of such matters of scandall as aforesaid, and thereupon suspended from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper be admitted thereunto. If any person suspended from the Lords Supper shall finde himselfe grieved with the proceedings before the Eldership of any Congregation, he shall have liberty to appeale to the Classicall Eldership, and from thence to the Provinciaall Assembly, from thence to the Nationall, and from thence to the Parliament. And be it further ordained by the Lords and Commons, That the severall and respective Elderships in their severall respective proceedings shall observe these ensuings cautions.

Caution 1. That cognizance and examination of any capitall offence shall be by the Magistrate thereunto appointed by the Law of the Kingdome, who if he shall commit the party questioned to prison, or secure him or her by baile, he shall there of make a certificate unto

the Eldership of the Congregation where he or she did last reside, or to any other neighbouring Eldership who shall thereupon have power to suspend the party from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

2. The Presbeterie or Eldership shall not have cognizance of any thing wherein any matter of payment, contract, or demand is concerned, or of any matter of conveyance, title, interest, or property, in Lands or Goods.

3. No use shall be made of any confession or prooffe made before the Eldership at any triall at Law of any person for any offence.

And it is further ordeined, that the Members of both Houses that now are members of the assembly of Divines or any seven of them be a standing Committee of both Houses of Parliament, to consider of causes of suspension from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, not contained in this Ordinance; unto which Committee any Eldership shall present such causes, to the end that the Parliament, if need require, may heare and determine the same. That if any other notorious and scandalous sinnes besides those nominated in this Ordinance, which may be conceived to be a cause to suspend from the Lords Supper shall be certified to any Classis either from any Congregationall Eldership, or otherwise, which the said Classis shall thinke fit, to present to the standing Committee of Parliament. That the said Classis shall present the same to the said Committee, to the end that the Parliament if need require may heare and determine the same.



Die Veneris 26. Sep. 1645.

A List of the names of such Persons
as shall be, and are hereby Ordeyned to be Try-
ers and Judges of the Integrity and Ability of such as
are to be chosen Elders in the Twelve Classis within
the Province of *London*, and of the duenesse of
their Election, according to such Rules and Directions
as have formerly passed both Houses
in that behalfe.

The first Classis.

Ministers.

DOctor *William Gouge* of Black-Friers.
Mr. *George Walker* of John Evangelist,
Mr. *Lazarus Seaman* of Alhallowes in Breadstreet.

Others.

Mr. *Richard Browne* Esquire of Black-Friers.
Mr. *Richard Turner* Senior of Austins Parish.
Mr. *William Kendall* of Alhallowes in Breadstreet.
John Clarke Doctor of Phisick of Martins Ludgate.
Mr. *Tho. Steines* of Mildred Breadstreet.
Mr. *Christopher Merideth* of Faiths.

The second Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *William Reyner* of Iohn Baptists.
Mr. *Charles Of-spring* of Antholins.
Mr. *William Thomas* of Pancras Soperlane.

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Others.

Mr. *Alex. Iones* of Iohn Baptists.
Mr. *Ralph Triplet* of Nicholas Cole-Abby.
Mr. *Thomas Coffin* of Michael Royall.
Mr. *James Hayes* of Bennet Sheerhogge.
Mr. *Iohn Cock* of James Garlickhith.
Mr. *Philip Owen* of Mary Magdalins Old Fishstreet.

The third Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *Humphrey Chambers* of Stephens Walbrooke.
Mr. *John Rawlinson* of Mary Abchurch.
Mr. *Iohn Cardell* of Alhallowes Lumbardstreete.

Others.

Mr. *Iohn Warner* Alderman, of Stephens Walbrooke.
Mr. *Robert Sweet* of Mary Wolnoth.
Mr. *Michael Herring* of Mary Woolchurch.
Mr. *Richard Tounge* of Alhallowes Lumbardstreete.
Mr. *Richard Warner* of Mary Abchurch.
Mr. *Robert Meade* of Laurence Pountney.

The fourth Classis

Ministers.

Mr. *Iohn Lee* of Mary on the Hill.
Mr. *Ioseph Carill* of Magnus.
Mr. *Fulk Bellers* of Michael Cornehill.

Others.

Mr. *James Bunce* Alderman, of Bennet Grace-church.
Mr. *Edward Hooker* of Mary on the Hill.
Mr. *Iohn Belamy* of Michael Cornehill,
Mr. *Iohn Gase* of Andrew in Hubbert.
Mr. *Iohn Hatler* of Magnes.
Mr. *William Bramwitch* of Peters Cornehill.

The fifth Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *John Conant* of Botolph Aldersgate.
Mr. *Anthony Tuckney* of Michael at Corne, alias Querne.
Mr. *Simon Ashe* of Brides.

Others.

Sir *John Wollastone* Knight, of Iohn Zacharies.
Mr. *Edward Honywood* of Michael at Corne, alias Querne.
Mr. *William Hart* of Christchurch.
Mr. *John Iohnson* of Botolph Aldersgate.
Mr. *Richard Flood* of Peters Cheape.
Mr. *John Sherman* of Anne Aldersgate.

The sixth Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *Edmund Calamy* of Mary Aldermanbury.
Mr. *John Arrowsmith* of Martins Iremongerlane.
Mr. *Arthur Iackson* of Michael Woodstreete.

Others.

Mr. *Walter Boothbey* of Mary Aldermanbury.
Mr. *William Webb* of Martins Iremongerlane.
Mr. *William Bisby* of Laurence Jury.
Mr. *Thomas Bregstwell.* } Giles Cripplegate.
Mr. *Robert Manwaring.* }
Mr. *Laurence Brinley* of Mary Magdalens Milk streete.

The seventh Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *Robert Harris* of Botolph Bishopsgate.
Mr. *Sammuel Clarke* of Bennet Fynk.
Mr. *Charles Newton,* } of Michael Basinshaw.
Mr. *Leonard Cocke.* }

Others

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Mr. *Christopher Packe*, of Michael Basingshaw.
 Mr. *James Russell* of Stephens Coleman-street.
 Mr. *William Williamson*, of Christophers.
 Mr. *Robert Launt*, of Peters poore.
 Mr. *James Story* of Bennet Fynk.
 Mr. *Samuel Harfnet*, of Bartholomew Exchange.

The eight Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *William Spurstow*, of Hackney.
 Mr. *Thomas Porter*, of Katherine Creed-church.
 Mr. *Elidad Blackwell*, of Andrew Undershaft.

Others.

Sir *David Watkins*, Knight. } of Andrew Undershaft.
 Mr. *John Smith*.
 Mr. *George Clarke* of Hackney.
 Mr. *Richard Sbute*, of Cree-church.
 Mr. *Alexander Bence*, of Algate.
 Mr. *Thomas Hutchins*, of Hellens.

The ninth Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *Thomas Clandon*, of Alhollowes Barking.
 Mr. *Thomas Valentine*, of Mary Whitchurch.
 Mr. *Thomas Carter*, of Olaves Hart-street.

Others.

Sir *Edward Harrington* Knight, of Olives Hart-street.
 Mr. *Francis West*, Lieutenant of the Tower.
 Mr. *Edmund Trench*, of Alhallowes Staining.
 Mr. *Maurice Thompston* } of Dunstons East.
 Mr. *Stafford Clare*.
 Mr. *Salomon Smith*, of Katherine Tower.

The tenth Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *Thomas Gattaker*, of Rotherhithe.
 Mr. *Jeremy Whitaker*, of Mary Magdalen Bermonsey.
 Mr. *Samuel Bolton*, of Mary Overy.

Others.

Mr. *Thomas Hudson*, of Georges Southwarke.
 Mr. *George Snelling*,
 Mr. *Robert Haughton*, } of Olaves Southwarke.
 Mr. *George Thompson*, }
 Mr. *Daniel Santon*, of Mary Overy.
 Mr. *Henry Helmer*, of Mary Magdalen Bermonsey.

The eleventh Classis.

Ministers.

Mr. *Harbert Palmer*, of New-Church Westminster.
 Mr. *Richard Vines*, of Clements Danes.
 Mr. *Henry Cornish*, of Giles in the fields.
 Mr. *Cawdry*, of Martins in the fields.
 Mr. *Gibson*, of Margarets Westminster.

Others.

Sir William Ashton.
 Mr. *John Packer*.
 Mr. *Thomas Fauconbridg*
 Mr. *Laurence Swetnam*. } of Westminster.
 Mr. *John Brigham*.
 Mr. *George Pryn*.
 Mr. *Edward Martin*.
 Mr. *James Prince*, } of Clement Danes.
 Mr. *Silvanns Taylor*, }
 Mr. *Walter Biggs*, of Giles in the fields.
 Mr. *Edward Carter*, of Covent Garden.

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The twelfth Class.

Ministers.

Mr. Obadiah Sedgwick, of Andrewes Holborne.

Mr. Immanuel Bourne, of Sepulchres.

Mr. Andrew Perne, of Dunstons West.

Others.

Mr. Roger Drake, Dr. of Physick, } of Andrewes Holborne.

Mr. William Iesop,

Mr. Thomas Smith,

Mr. Nathaniel Canfield, } of Sepulchres.

Mr. William Ball,

Mr. Francis Allen, } of Dunstons West.

Resolved by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled.

That in all these twelve Classes, that which shall be done by the major part of the Triers that be present, (not being under the number of seven in each Class) shall be esteemed as the act of all the Triers of that Class.

Resolved, &c.

That all the Members of the house of Commons shall be Triers within that Class whereof the Parish wherein they live is a part.

Resolved, &c.

That the Peeres and assistants of the house of Peeres shall be Triers within that Class whereof the Parish wherein they live is a part.

Die Martis, 14 Octob. 1645.

Ordere*d* by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That Dr. William Gouge, Andrew Perne Minister of Dunstons West, Samuell Bourne Esquire, Edmund Prideaux Esquire, William Ellys Esquire, William Prynn Esquire, shall be Triers and Judges of such persons as shall be chosen to be Elders for the Classes of the two Serjants Innes.

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